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DECLARATION/POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION JOINT INVENTOR

As the named inventors, we hereby declare:

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We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "SURGICAL KNIFE SAFETY HANDLE", the specification of which,

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We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, § 1.56.

Prior Foreign Applications

We hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below. We have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is based.

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Prior United States Application(s)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional applications(s) listed below:

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code, § 120 of any United States patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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